

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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M&D MILESTONE NO. --- (234)
WV-HSI NO. _____
PA-HSI NO. _____
COUNTIES (WV/PA) Preston / Fayette
TOWNSHIPS (WV/PA) Grant / Wharton

PROTECTED/ENDANGERED/UNEXPOSED/MISSING

FIELD SHEET: MASON & DIXON LINE, WEST VIRGINIA-PENNSYLVANIA BOUNDARY MARKER SURVEY

LOCATION: USGS 7.5' quadrangle Bruceton Mills 1960 UTM: 17.60966.439732
original site/ADDITIONAL SITE/MOVED/date "old mark" believed
original Mason and Dixon mound (1767) no longer visible; Off W/S (unmarked WV) Road/
PA LR-26201, Lake O' Woods, WV vicinity. On SE slope of Devies Mountain; about 1½
miles NE of Lake O' Woods; at point about 5000' W of LR-26201, opposite E end of woodsy
island separating old from new pipelines; at N edge of deciduous forest near top of
slope. Cannot be seen from any road, and only with luck, from pipeline.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From M&D --- (233) at Compressor Station parking lot: follow pipeline W entire
distance (about 5000') downhill to Laurel Run then up mountain to near top of slope &
open area. Pipelines are together to this point, then split at "island". Cross to
forest edge (on left) & look for white blaze about at eye level on tree. Monument is
at base, only its top above the leaves & otherwise unmarked.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: ~~original/replica/replacement/addition/date~~ new stone monu-
addition (1885) to "old mark"; standing only about 5" above ground

N face (PA): 13" wide x 6" high; primitive letter P near top, clear but partially
buried
E face: 11" wide x 5" high; primitive numbers (date) 1885 near top, clear but
partially buried
S face (WV): 13" wide x 5" high; primitive letters WV near top, clear but partially
buried
W face: 11½" wide x 5" high; primitive numbers 42 8/10 (miles from SE corner of
PA) clear but partially buried
top: planes clear, rising about 3½" to apex; scars all surfaces & chips all
corners & edges, as though from maintenance machinery
foundation: unable to see any evidence of concrete foundation or M&D mound;
firmly set

CONDITION: ~~XXXXXXXX/good/XIRX/XXXXXXXXXX/XIRIX/UNEXPOSED/MISSING~~
1883-85 Sinclair Resurvey notes

1982 Inspection notes: order no. --- (234); photos/negatives/slides no. --- (234)
--- (234). New stone monument addition (1885) to "old mark" (believed original Mason
and Dixon mound of 1767), in place, though standing only about 5" above ground;
in good condition; firmly set. / Primitive letters and numbers clear; all surfaces
scarred and chipped. No mound remains. Site and monument in danger of being lost,
by neglect, buried by forest cover.

OWNERS OF SURROUNDING PROPERTY (WV/PA): names, addresses, phones

WV: tax map , block , P. , deed / , acres

PA: tax map , block , P. , deed / , acres

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ALSO SEE: reverse side X , B&W photos X , negatives X , color slides , maps X ,
other

NOTES

We had a great deal of difficulty in finding this monument, for only the top was poking up through a thick layer of leaves. Fortunately there was a white-painted blaze on a large tree just east of the site. Without this, we probably couldn't have located it, on that mountainside of scattered stones and dense underbrush.

Recommendations.

We believe this site and monument will soon be covered by leaves and visually lost through neglect. It has already been nicked and chipped by some kind of maintenance (or pipeline construction?) machinery. We recommend that an identifying post be set here as soon as possible, to help prevent this damage and oblivion. At some point, the site should be carefully cleared to determine whether or not an original Mason and Dixon mound still exists and to better expose the monument.

The map makers for the US Geological Survey and the PA Department of Transportation will also want to reconcile their site differences in relation to the PA State Forest boundary corner.

B&W PHOTOS/NEGATIVES

5x7 NW corner (1982.6.2), Alice Martin 4/23/82
5x7 SE corner (1982.6.4), " "
3½x5 View N: of monument in relation to pipeline (1982.6.3), Alice Martin 4/23/82
3½x5 View E of pipelines (1982.4.36A), Alice Martin 4/23/82
3½x5 View S from pipeline: of monument (1982.4.32A), Alice Martin 4/23/82
3½x5 View NNW: of monument in relation to pipelines (1982.6.8), Alice Martin 4/23/82
3½x5 View W: of "island" (1982.4.35A), Alice Martin 4/23/82
3½x5 Closeup of top (1982.4.34A), " "

COLOR SLIDES - none taken (second camera on the blink)

MAPS

USGS 7½' topographic quadrangle; scale 1" = 2000'

PA general highway map of Fayette County (1971); scale 1" = 1 mile (site incorrectly shown? in relation to state forest land boundary; differs from quad site)

Sinclair resurvey map (1886); scale approx. 1 9/16" = 1 mile

OTHER

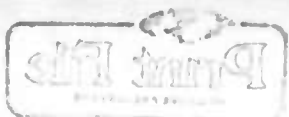


NW CORNER (1982.6.2)



SE CORNER (1982.6.4)

STATE NO. 21-28
DATE 4/23/82
MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (M-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS!
ON ASSIGNMENT PRESTON-FAYETTE COUNTIES
MILESTONE - (234)



PHOTOGRAPHER: ALICE MARTIN 4/23/82

MED WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (234)



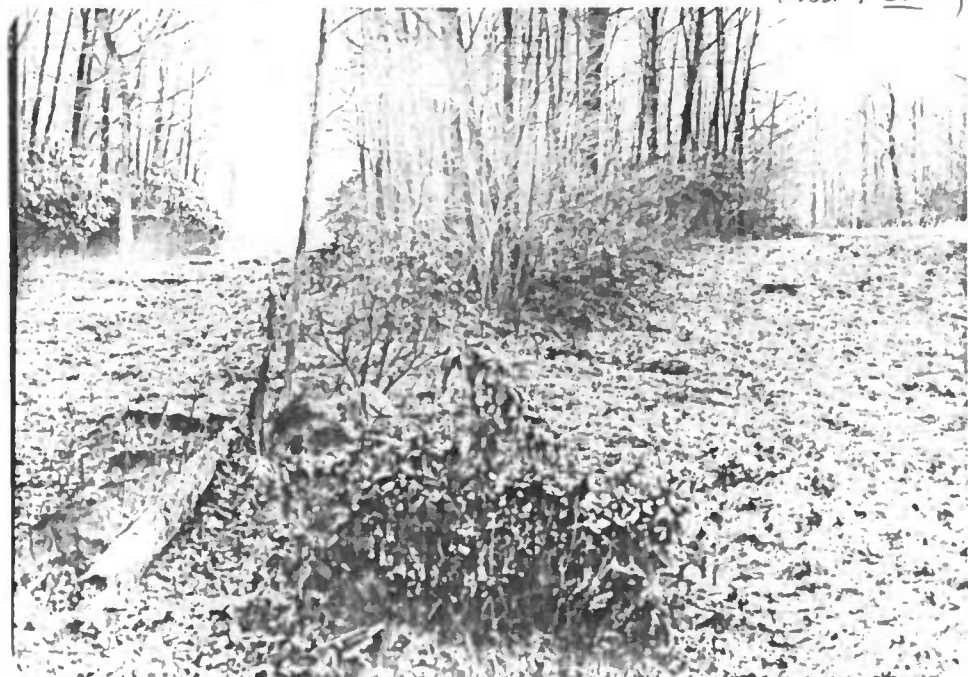
VIEW E (1982.4.36A)



VIEW N (1982.6.3)

VIEW W

(1982.4.35A)



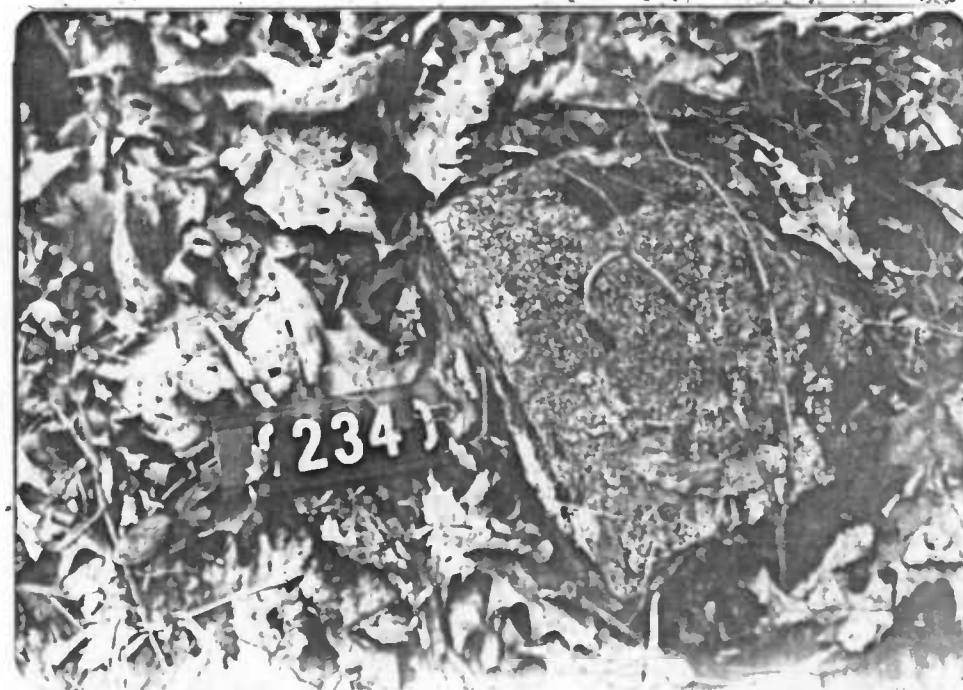
VIEW S

(1982.4.32A)



VIEW NNW

(1982.6.8)



CLOSEUP OF TOP

(1982.4.34A)

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NEGATIVE PRESERVER

STYLE NO. 57-2B
DATE 4/23/82
ASSIGNMENT
PHOTOGRAPHER: ALICE MARTIN
NATION WOODS WEST LINE: WHITE BRIDGES
HISTORIC - (234)
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